

c) Remarks

The claims are 9-18, with claims 9-13, being independent. The claims have been amended to resolve informalities unrelated to patentability.

Claim 1 has been cancelled and, accordingly, the Rule 112 objection and the art rejection thereof have been rendered moot. Claims 9-13 were amended to resolve informalities to which objection was raised.

Claims 9-18 were deemed allowable over the art and would be allowed if amended to overcome the informalities raised by the Examiner. Since the informalities have been resolved the amendment should be entered, the final rejection withdrawn, the claims allowed and that the case passed to issue.

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